

North-East *Build Wisconsin* Regional Workshop Small Group Record

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Top 10 responses to the question: “What can the State do to foster economic growth in your region?”

Priority response #1 (votes: 5) Coordinate environmental regulation with regional growth plan.

Priority response #2 (votes: 5) Provide incentives for regionalized government services.

Priority response #3 (votes: 5) State commitment to improve technology infrastructure.

Priority response #4 (votes: 4) Provide a long-term balanced energy strategy.

“Actions Necessary to Achieve our Ideas” Exercise

“If we want to accomplish this [priority issue #1], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

Priority Issue #1 Coordinate environmental regulation with regional growth plan.

Responses to the question: “If we want to accomplish this [priority issue], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

*Summit with DNR, DOC, DOT, Business leaders, and environmental groups for common goals and understanding.

*Identify regions—provide resources to develop growth plans.

*Incentives to business for good stewardship.

*Strengthen public participation process.

*CEO of state to coordinate the process.

*Establish uniformity among counties in enforcement of regulations.

*Tie department budgets to performance in regard to this policy.

*Create policy ombudsman position who answers to governor.

*Develop newsletters with case studies that examine specific regulatory issues.

Priority Issue #2 Provide incentives to regionalize government services.

Responses to the question: “If we want to accomplish this [priority issue], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

*Provide organizational structure for regional government services.

*Identify service regions, services for consolidation.

*Add incentives for consolidation.

*Funding limitations for single community projects.

*Focus on police, human service, and highway departmental consolidation.

*Abolish towns.

*Provide incentives for consolidation of school districts.

*Revise Wisconsin’s archaic annexation laws.

*Establish government efficiency standards.

*Requirement to identify savings of consolidated area.

*Website that focuses on successful governmental partnerships—best practices.

*Create regional forum to discuss and act on local/state issues.

Priority Issue #3 State commitment to improve technology infrastructure.

Responses to the question: “If we want to accomplish this [priority issue], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

*Document and assess existing infrastructure.

*Develop communications infrastructure plan.

*Create and pass legislation to allow plan to happen.

*Provide incentives to cities and businesses to establish infrastructure.